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In re. Patent Application of  
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For: Method and Device for Performing Electronic Transactions

**Reply**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

In response to the Office Action of 15 March 2004, a third extension of time for response is hereby requested under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). All required extension fees are hereby authorized to be charged to our deposit account No. 501249.

An amended Claim 1 is also submitted herewith which clarifies that what is claimed is "A method for performing electronic transactions **via a communications network...**".

Claims 4 and 5 are to be deleted as being redundant, since their features are included in superior claims.

The following arguments are respectfully presented:

Against the claims in this application, US Patent 6 038 551 (Barlow) has one again been cited, specifically col. 14, line 62 – col. 15, line 10 with respect to